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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 27, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including March 27, 2003, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1, as follows:

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This is a division of Application No. 09/378,900, filed August 23, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,495,670 B1, which issued December 17, 1002, which in turn is a divisional of Application No. 09/044,665, filed March 19, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,051,696, which issued April 18, 2000, which was a division of Application No. 08/256,568, filed as PCT/EP93/03325 on November 26, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,846,704, which issued December 8, 1998, the entire content of each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.